

Application No. 09/671,540  
Amendment dated September 18, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2003



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In Re the Application of: Timothy W. King and Charles W. Patrick  
Application Serial No.: 09/671,540  
Group Art Unit: 1615  
Examiner: Amy E. Pulliam  
Date Filed: September 27, 2000  
Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR BIODEGRADABLE  
MICROSPHERES AS CARRIERS OF BIOACTIVE  
SUBSTANCES

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Included herewith is a Request for Extension of Time for one (1) month and the appropriate fee sufficient to extend the response deadline up to and including September 19, 2003.

Applicants submit this Response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 19, 2003. In view of the following Amendments and Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of the claims pending in this application.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.